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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EG, LE  
SUBJ: EGYPTIAN WORRY ABOUT ISRAELI PREEMPTIVE STRIKE

1. BY SEPTTEL WE REPORTED SADAT'S REMARKS TO LEBANESE JOURNAL-  
IST, PUBLISHED JULY 2, PROPOSING SAUDI/KUWAITI/EGYPTIAN/SYRIAN  
SUMMIT IN BEIRUT TO BE ATTENDED BY SARKIS AND ALL PARTIES TO  
DISPUTE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING CHAMOUN.

2. PRESIDENT HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US OF HIS CONCERN ABOUT  
ISRAELI PREEMPTIVE STRIKE INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON AND WE KNOW  
FROM OTHER MFA OFFICIALS THAT THEY ARE WORRIED. ONE  
SENIOR EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBASSY JULY THAT SYRIANS ARE  
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT GOLAN AS WELL AS SOUTHERN LEB-  
ANON, AND WE RECALL ASAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN  
ABOUT ISRAELI BLITZKRIEG. EMBASSY AMMAN HAS REPORTED HUSAYN'S  
PARALLEL CONCERN.

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2. REFLECTING THE GENERAL FEAR IN CAIRO THAT SOME ISRAELI  
"ADVENTURE" IS PLANNED AS WAY REMOVE "THREAT" OF USG PRESSURE,  
ARAB LEAGUE SYG ON JULY 1 PUBLICLY WARNED THERE IS POSSIBLY  
OF NEW ISRAELI "AGGRESSION" TO ABORT PEACE EFFORTS, AND HE  
REVIVED OLD ARAB CLAIM THAT ISRAEL COVETS SOUTH LEBANON IN ANY  
CASE. HE POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL HAS IN PAST CAREFULLY TIMED  
ANY SUCH OPERATION FOR PERIOD IN WHICH IT CLEARLY HOLDS MIL-

ITARY SUPERIORITY, ARAB DISUNITY EXISTS, AND INTERNATIONAL  
ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN PREPARED. ALTHOUGH THESE FACTORS DO NOT  
PRESENTLY EXIST IN SYG'S VIEW, HE NEVERTHELESS STATED HIS  
CONCERN THAT GOI MIGHT "MISCALCULATE".

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO OUR EGYPTIAN INTERLOCUTORS THAT IT  
WOLD NOT BE IN ISREAL'S INTEREST EMBARK ON CLEAR AGGRESSION  
INTO LEBANON AT TIME NEW PRIMIN PREPARING FOR CRUCIAL TALKS  
WITH PRES CARTER, AND THAT ISRAELIS HAVE ASSURED US THEY  
HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. EGYPTIANS REMAIN SKEPTICAL.  
FEAR OF AN ISREALI MOVE FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF DEFLECTING  
US PEACE EFFORTS IS BECOMING PROFOUND CONCERN OF GOE.  
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